

Events for this Week

Monday, January 30

9:30-10:30 AM Young Family Nursery Play Dates

Need a change of scenery? Tired of playing with the same toys every day? Come to the ARC Nursery on Monday mornings for an informal play-time and fellowship with parents and young children. Questions? Please contact Laura Genade, Coordinator (lgenade@gmail.com)

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group

(Prairie Ridge Care Center, Grandview Cottage Dining Room, located in the southwest part of the building.) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt at 707-4600.

1:30 PM Women's Faith Sharing (Room 201)

Contact: Lynne Grossmann (737-4202)

Wednesday, February 1

5:30-6:15 PM Family Meal Night for families of F3 & MSYG students

Location: Fellowship Hall (Lower level)

Note: MSYG will still meet at 6:15 pm. Parents and F3 students are welcome to stay for a brief family activity until 6:30 PM.

Menu: pork sandwiches, salad bar and scotcheroos for dessert Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches will be available for those with other food preferences.

Your RSVP helps our leaders plan! Please let Sue Mulder know if you plan to attend -- lsredlum@mtcnet.net or 712-395-0795

6:15-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grades) Room 110

Announcements

•Support our youth!



You can still volunteer to make soup for the HSYG's annual Soup-er Bowl fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 5. We're serving chili, chicken and potato soup (recipes will be provided). If you like making soup and love our high schoolers, let Tamara Fynaardt know what kind of soup you'd like to contribute: 712-756-4215 or fynaardt@nwciowa.edu.

•Soup-er Bowl Pregame Meal



Warmup for the big game next week with a hearty bowl of soup at the High School Youth Group's **Soup-er Bowl lunch on Sunday, Feb. 5.** Soup's on from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come after church or after Sunday school. Your freewill offering supports our high school youth and their plans to attend Rocky Mountain High this summer.

•Needed: Nursery Support during Sunday School Hour

Are you free after worship for 45 minutes (10:45-11:30 am)? Contact Laura Jonker (arckidsmin@gmail.com) if you would be willing to watch our 0-3 year olds in the nursery so their parents can either teach or attend discipleship classes. Your help would be a huge blessing!

•If you did not receive Offering Envelopes in your church mailbox this week and you would like a box, please contact the church office.

•Missing dish cloths! If you brought church dish cloths home to wash them, thank you! But we are running low so could you please return them soon! Many thanks!

(Announcements continued on next panel.)

•American Reformed Food Pantry Receives Discipleship Award



ATLAS Orange City Area will host a Pizza Ranch Tip Night on Monday, January 30 from 4:30-7:00 PM to honor the recipients of the sixth annual ATLAS Discipleship Award. All of the proceeds will be split between the three recipients of the award. This award, in memory of ATLAS's past mentor coordinator Jo Ellen Kauk, recognizes three individuals or organizations who have been giving of themselves in service to our community by *Helping the Hurting, Equipping Believers, and Uniting the Community, the core principles of ATLAS.* This year's Award Recipients: American Reformed Food Pantry, Orange City Sack Pack Program and Awakening Grace. Awards will be presented at 6:30 PM.

•Mark the Date! Sunday, February 19 from 8:30-9:20 AM.

NWC students will make their 15th annual Spring Service Trip to Bluefields March 4-13. They will hold a Fundraiser Breakfast at ARC on Sunday, February 19 from 8:30-9:20 AM. Save the date & come out to eat and support these terrific students!



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American Reformed Church gathers together to be transformed by Jesus to transform the world through acceptance, grace, wisdom, and love. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been called by the Holy Spirit to *welcome* others in the hospitality of God, *worship* God, *know* God in community with others,

The Approach to God

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.
Indicates you may stand if you wish.

- PRELUDE "In Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Pethel
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- *SONG OF WORSHIP "Make Straight the Way"
- *GOD'S GREETING
- *SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF CONFESSION Insert "O Come to the Altar"
Please use this song as a starting point for your own confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Isaiah 43:19 & 2 Cor. 5:17
The words of a prophet and an apostle point to our forgiveness in Jesus:
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing.
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
Everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!

THE WORD OF GOD

- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
*Children ages 3-1st grade are invited to attend
Children & Worship located on the lower level:
3-4 year olds — Room 103; 5-6 year olds — Room 104*
- *SONG OF PREPARATION "Sanctuary"
- SCRIPTURE Acts 16:6-10
- SERMON *On Mission: Discerning God's Initiatives*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

- GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.
- OFFERTORY "Brother James' Air" arr. Shackley
- *DOXOLOGY p. 809
- SHARING IN MINISTRY An Interview with Olivia Holt
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE "Will You Come and Follow Me"
vs. 1-4

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "Will You Come and Follow Me"
v. 5

*POSTLUDE "Detroit" arr. Kosche
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Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Sharon Bartlett	Organist
Pam Anderson, Rosalyn De Koster,	Praise Team
Doug De Zeeuw, Marlene De Zeeuw,	
John Hubers, Angela Kroeze-Visser	
Kim Van Es	Children's Message
Pastors Elizabeth & Mike Hardeman	Leading in Worship

Our latest RCA missionary is worshiping with us today, Olivia Holt. Olivia graduated from NWC with an interpretation/Spanish degree and Missions minor. She has felt a call to live and work in Nicaragua with CEPAD and in Bluefields with the Bobb-Kelly's. She is a Volunteer Liaison with both. Pray for Olivia as she heads down to Nicaragua to begin ministry in February. Come and talk with Olivia during the Fellowship Time and if we need to we can move into the room behind Rose's office for Q&A.

ARC also hopes to send another service-learning team to Bluefields next December. Olivia will be our Volunteer Liaison. Please consider if this is something you are interested in doing and contact Kathy Gabel with any questions.

Congregational Meeting TODAY!

All ARC confessing members are invited to attend a brief congregational meeting at 10:30 AM (immediately following worship) for the purpose of voting on the proposed revised process for nominating and electing consistory members.

Praying for God's People

Hospitalized at the OC Hospital:

*Lucille Wierda

Home from the hospital:

*Dorothy Brown (Prairie Ridge Care Center)
*Arlyne Ten Clay (Landsmeer Ridge Assisted Living)

Those undergoing a surgical procedure:

*Betty Ferrell (knee replacement on Tuesday, January 21 at the Orange City Hospital)

Those with cancer:

*Don Hop

Those having a new residence:

*Donna Kleinhesselink (Fieldcrest Living, Sheldon, IA)

Celebrating a good report:

*Russ Krull

Those who are grieving:

Bill & Kristy Kepp in the death of Bill's mother, **Mary Kepp**. Mary passed away peacefully on Monday, January 23, at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City.

Events for Today

- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Coffee Fellowship** (Gathering Area behind the sanctuary) Everyone is invited to stay for coffee or tea and cookies.
- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Hands of Praise** (grades 2-5)
Location: Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **10:30-10:45 AM Children & Worship Music Time** (age 3—1st grade)
Location: Room 111
- ◆ **10:45-11:30 AM Discipleship Classes for ALL Ages!**
Adult Discipleship Offerings include:
 - ◆ **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK**
Facilitator: Eric Elder
Location: International Room (201)
This class will be a discussion based study of the gospel of Mark, the shortest of all the four gospels that presents a vivid, vigorous, straightforward account of the public ministry of Jesus. One commentator says that "the key verse of the gospel is the disclosure of Jesus that the Son of man is the Suffering Servant of God who will give his life as a ransom for many".
 - ◆ **HELPING ALL ARC FAMILIES TO FLOURISH (CONTINUATION OF FALL OFFERING)**
January 15 – March 26
#1: Divorce and Blended Families (January 15, 22 & 29)
Facilitators: Jerry and Kim Van Es
Location: Fireside Room (202)
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- ◆ **6:30 PM High School Youth Group** at the Lamberts.
Bring your journal and bible.

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#2: Singles and Couples without Children (February 5, 12 & 19)

Facilitators: Steve Mahr and Wanda Korthals

#3: Families That Include LGBT Individuals (February 26 & March 5)

Facilitator: Tamara Fynaardt

#4: Families that Include Individuals with Special Needs (March 12)

Facilitator: Sara Tolsma

#5: Inter-Generational Families (March 19 & 26)

Facilitator: Lynne Hubers

◆RIDDER CHURCH RENEWAL: EMBRACING YOUR LIFE OF MISSION

6:30 – 7:30 PM Wednesdays
January 18 – February 22

Facilitators: Two members of the Ridder Church Renewal Team

Location: Fireside Room (202)

In the company of others who are on their own Christian journeys, attendees will first reflect on the joys and challenges of their life experiences to date. Then, based on a conversation about the redemptive work that God is doing in our world and an assessment of their particular gifts, attendees will reflect on possible ways that they can partner with God in the future in the work that God wishes to do within the walls of our church, in our local community and beyond.